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The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker.

Rabbi Warren Stone, Temple Emanuel Synagogue, Kensington, MD, offered the following prayer:

Distinguished leaders of our country, why do we pray?

We pray because we need to look beyond ourselves, to seek guidance in the One beyond all time and space.

In a time of indirection, prayer can give us vision and hope.

In a time of conflict and injustice, prayer can help us act with courage.

God, may we shed our veils of defense to uncover a truth deep within ourselves. Our time on Earth is short; we are like a flower that will fade, a cloud passing by, like dust floating on the wind, a dream soon forgotten.

And yet, while here so briefly, may we never forget that we have the capacity for a lasting greatness. With our lives we can make a profound difference in the lives of others. We, created in the Divine Image, can uplift the human spirit. That is how we should be remembered.

Help us Lord to choose this path.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from Florida [Mr. STEARNS] come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. STEARNS led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Lundregan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate had passed with an amendment in which the concurrence of the House is requested, a bill of the House of the following title:

H.R. 743. An act to amend the National Labor Relations Act to allow labor management cooperative efforts that improve economic competitiveness in the United States to continue to thrive, and for other purposes.

WELCOMING RABBI WARREN STONE

(Mrs. MORELLA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. MORELLA. Mr. Speaker, I have the pleasure of welcoming Rabbi Warren Stone to the House this morning.

Rabbi Stone has been the spiritual leader at Temple Emanuel Synagogue in Kensington, MD for the past 10 years. His tenure at Temple Emanuel has been characterized by growth in membership and community involvement. Under Rabbi Stone's leadership, members of the congregation volunteer their services to the community, visiting the elderly, feeding the hungry, and helping at local shelters for battered women and for the homeless.

Rabbi Stone is a staunch environmentalist, and often weaves into his sermons messages about the importance of protecting our natural resources and maintaining a safe and healthy environment. He is an advocate for Israel and for human rights.

Rabbi Stone has distinguished himself with an impressive record of dedicated service to both Temple Emanuel and the Montgomery County community. I am honored that he delivered the invocation on the House floor this morning, and I am proud to represent Rabbi Stone and the congregation of

Temple Emanuel Synagogue in Congress.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. FOLEY). The Chair will receive fifteen 1-minutes per side.

PRESIDENT CLINTON SHOULD KEEP HIS WORD TO SIGN WISCONSIN WELFARE WAIVERS

(Mr. GINGRICH asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GINGRICH. Mr. Speaker, on July 13, 1995, speaking to the National Governors' Association, President Clinton asked the Governors to send him waivers on welfare and he said, "If you do that, you sign them, you send them to me and we will approve them within 30 days."

On May 18 of this year the President devoted his weekly radio address to the Wisconsin welfare plan. He said he was encouraged by it. He said he was supportive of it. He said, "I pledge that my administration will work with Wisconsin to make an effective transition to a new vision of welfare based on work."

Yesterday was the 30th day since Wisconsin submitted its welfare plan. The Clinton administration has broken its pledge given to the Governors a year ago. The Clinton administration has failed to approve the Wisconsin welfare waivers.

This House voted overwhelmingly in favor of approving the Wisconsin welfare waivers. We believe that people should work if they are able bodied. We believe there should be a transition from welfare to work. We believe we should strengthen families by having a strong, firm commitment to collecting child support and to making sure that

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